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Re: Application of Stephane WARTEL, Sascha DESAEVER
DEVICE FOR PREVENTING LACES COMING UNDONE
Assignee: AZOR
Our Ref: Q92566

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- an English translation of the International Application.
- 3 sheet(s) of drawings (Figs. 1-, 7a-b, 8a-b, 9-12).
- an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- a copy of the ISR.
- a copy of the IPER.
- a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- a Preliminary Amendment.

It is assumed that copies of the International Preliminary Examination Report and the certified priority document will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

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Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

Please see the attached PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT before calculating the filing fee.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	12	-	20	=		x	\$25.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=		x	\$100.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$150.00
Search Fee*									\$200.00
Examination Fee									\$100.00
TOTAL FILING FEE									\$450.00
Recordation of Assignment									\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEE									\$490.00

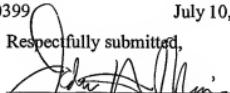
*The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the filing fee of \$450.00 (Small Entity) and the Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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